

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20307	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	12/6/2012	Department:	Emergency Medical Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance repealing section 12-4-5 of the City Code relating to the speed limit of an ambulance responding to an emergency call.

Amount and Source of Funding

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	City Council approved recodification on 8/9/2007
For More Information:	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director 972-7148
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Section 12-4-5 dates back to at least 1967, and at the time of its adoption, ambulance services in the City were provided exclusively by private ambulance providers; the Austin Travis County Emergency Services Department did not exist. Further, section 12-4-5 of the Code is based on a provision in Texas law that has since been substantially amended or repealed by the Texas Legislature. Thus, section 12-4-5 is not required by state law.

Further, the City does not attempt to regulate the speed of other emergency responders (police or fire) when those are responding to an emergency. Therefore, EMS and the Law Department recommend that section 12-4-5 be repealed.